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Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, February 17, 2023 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

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- 1. Approval of January meeting minutes. Pat motioned and Kevin seconded. Motion carried and minutes approved as written.
- 2. YLF Video. Candace and Elaine are working on making the video accessible. Video on YouTube https://youtu.be/s0j2TIeOxMc. Video description options were discussed. Pat suggested checking with Damon Wandke for help with the video. Stacy has a paid YouTube account and will also try to add video descriptions.
- 3. YLF 2023: July 29-August 4, 2023, at the Dumas Bay Centre, Federal Way, WA. Delegates arrive July 30<sup>th</sup>. Kristin asked who will be available to attend YLF: Pat is available but Kevin not able to attend. Damiana hoping to attend. Stacy can invite RTCs and VRCs for a day. Marsha would like to participate but is not able to stay overnight. Nathan can attend orientation for counselors and onboarding and support the first day.
- 4. Keeping delegates engaged throughout the year (Peer Counselors). Kristin suggested creating a one-two page newsletter for past delegates that comes out twice a year with fun, interesting, and substantive information. It was suggested that we create a YLF Instagram page with pictures. Kristin suggested the group should come up with a content plan/schedule to post content once every two to three weeks.

Marsha has administrator rights to the YLF Facebook page. We could target parents on Facebook and future delegates on Instagram. TikTok is another good platform to consider. Kevin said we should think of longevity and an alumni network of YLF delegates. Marsha suggested a video of parents sending their kids to YLF (and how they handle the anxiety of the experience). A few parents from 2022 were suggested.

- 5. **2023 YLF Flyer (attached).** It was suggested that we send the flyer to the heads of the school districts. Stacy said she sent to RTCs in the state and has it posted on her own work page. Damiana sent the flyer to Department of Services For The Blind pre-ETS specialists. Kevin suggested having a PDF and Word version of the flyer for accessibility. PDFs can be difficult to read with a screen reader.
- 6. **Delegate recruitment**. Elaine sent the flyer to GCDE members and is working with the ESD Communications Office. Connie suggested using the YLF application as a school writing assignment. Kristin wants to get the application on GCDE/YLF website so students can be thinking about it.

Elaine is working with Connie to schedule a virtual parent/teacher meet-and-greet for her Vancouver DVR territory in March and April. Topics suggested were: parent's concerns about overnight; what type of student goes to YLF? what would they learn?

We would like to get a list of transition fairs. Melinda Bocci was suggested as a contact person. Elaine will connect with Stacy and Connie.

- 7. Survey Monkey delegate application signature. Elaine is working to add a PDF signature form that parents can download and sign in Adobe. They won't need Adobe to be able to use it. Stacy said Adobe will autogenerate an email to parents.
- 8. What's next: Kristin said lots of volunteer donations for SWAG last year. She would like to create a work team to develop corporate sponsors for operation's costs. Candace and Kristin will put together a total budget. Elaine will send the YLF solicitation letter to Kristin. Someone suggested contacting the Curt Warner Foundation for sponsorship.
- 9. For the good of the order. YLF Suggestions: Pat said that YLF counselors and staff should debrief and develop a plan for the next day. Kristin would like to have a duty roster to assign staff. Tracey and Stacy from DVR have developed a workshop about how to apply for Adult services. It's currently submitted for approval. They would be happy to present that for any/all students as content. Stacy suggested having breakout sessions for students who are graduating.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 17, 2023, 10:00 am-11:00 am



**Connie DVR**